the stand of Members of Rajya Sabha or the House. Just after I came back after talking to you this morning, I was told that although yesterday dinner was served for Members of Parliament, the staff who were assisting us till 10-40 or 10-50 yesterday, were not invited to that dinner. This is a matter which affects our sensibilities as well as it is a matter of our moral standard.

I request the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs first to apologise before them, and then, in future to avoid this.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is too much.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, the dinner was arranged, but there was some communication gap in timing it. It was in packets kept in the Annexe or so. That is the information. When I enquired subsequently, I heard this. If there was inconvenience, I am sorry for it. But it was arranged.

RE. INTRODUCTION OF THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1987

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Companies Act, 1956.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): Madam, I am on a Point of Orded. I had already given notice because as far as I am aware, this Bill has not been circulated. It may be in today's packet. We did not receive today's packet. I have already written to you about that. So far as receiving today's Parliamentary Packet is concerned, the Minister has explained that this morning it was raining etc. May be there was delay in the press also. But, Madam, I find that very often the business is not even put before the Business Advisory Committee. There is a Bill today relating to legal aid. There is one in respect of Expenditure Tax also. But, in these matters, I think that proper planning of Parliamentary business is imperative.

This morning I was told by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs that a Constitution Amendment Bill has to be passed in this Session itself. This Bill has not been passed by the other House as yet and therefore, Opposition Members were being consulted whether we should sit late tonight or whether we could have an additional sitting on Monday. But I think that this is a matter about which the Government must think. Parliamentary business must be planned in such a manner that even if there is some urgent business, before the last week is about to commence, we should be taken into confidence as to what is likely to come up. And the Business Advisory Committee must be consulted in all matters. I noticed in the Lok Sabha, I saw the list of business, there were nine Bills listed for today for consideration and passing. It is for the other House to decide what to do. Out of the nine, three have been passed by this House and six are being initiated in the other House. Therefore, I plead that if the proposal is to extend the session we will consider it. My concrete proposal is, call a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee urgently and let it see the business. If it is required, we may extend the Session by two days. It should not be that we meet on Monday and once again business is pending and then we decide to meet another day. A meeting of the Business Advisory Committe should be called. For the future, planning of Parliamentary business should be done properly. I am happy that the Union Minister himself is here.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Madam Deputy Chairman, I have listened to the hon. Member Mr. L. K Advani. Of

[Shri H.K.L. Bhagat]

course, Members should not be inconvenienced and they should get papers in time. I will come to the planning part of it. Because of the rains, he as well as other Members could not get the packets. I am sorry for that. But we do take precautions right from the beginning of the Session. My Secretary is asked to meet the Secretaries of the Ministries concerned. We get the business from them, I write to the Ministers. Then I have a meeting with the Secretaries. We try our best to see that the business comes in time. But, sometimes, in Parliamentary work, the various processes are there. The intention of the Government was never to take the Opposition by surprise in business and we have never done that also. So far as the House extension is concerned, the hon. Members feel that they have no objection to extending the session to Monday. For the time being, at least we have two things, the Constitution Amendment Bill and the Expenditure Tax Bill. Regarding the other business, we shall see what business can be done. We shall be agreeable to extend the session to Monday. I shall assure Mr. L. K. Advani and the Members of the Opposition and the Members on this side that the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs or other Ministries do not have any intention to sidetrack.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA (Andhra Pradesh): The hon. Minister gives an impression that it is the Opposition which wants the extension of the House. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: No. I have not given this impression that you want extension. We want the business to be done, if it cannot be done today, it has to be extended. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: (West Bengal): In the last week Business Advisory Committee meeting and even in the earlier one, we have raised the question. Let the Government plan it. Let us know beforehand whether or not the Session needs to be extended. Again and again we are told that it cannot be extended and what happened yesterday was, there was an important Bill about the Dairy Development Board. We repeatedly requested that it should not be taken up because some institution is going to be declared of national importance. I belong to one side. I wanted that it might not be taken up yesterday. Despite it, it continued till 10.51 yesternight. Should Members of Parliament be taken for granted like this? This is where the idea given by hon. Member Shri Advani should go home. It should be planned in a manner where Members of Parliament can effectively participate and the Government has the onus of planning it so that all sides of Parliament can participate. This is what has not been done despite the request in the Business Advisory Committee meeting. Today also my submission is, as he suggested, do not extend it for one day only and come again to say that it will be extended for another day. Let us plan upto Tuesday. We have to arrange our programmes accordingly. If there is no business, we shall invite the new Chairman, participate in the swearing-in ceremony and then go away.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I must thank the hon. Members for their cooperation, the cooperation of the Opposition and others, and for the principle and spirit. Our thinking, the thinking of the Government, and the thinking of the Opposition in planning Parliamentary business, is the same.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We can just get this introduced in any case. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: We have not seen any of the Bills. I would quote the rules. A Bill cannot be introduced unless it has been circulated to the Members. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If you do not want it to be introduced... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: We can have it introduced on Monday. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It was circulated. But because it was raining it could not reach you.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: It can be taken up on Monday. But we will be abiding by the rules. (*Interruptions*)

AN HON. MEMBER: If you do not want to follow, suspend the rule. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We go by your advice, Mr. Advani. Thank you. So, all these will not go now. Now we can have .... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: I would not like to give any opportunity to the hon. Members while introducing the Bill...in case some of them have received ... (*Interruptions*). All right. We can introduce the Bill which you say you have not received on Monday. (*Interruptions*) I am accepting your point.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Just two days ago we objected to the introduction of the Bill and there was a good deal of discussion on the introduction stage itself. (*Interruptions*). We have not seen the Bills.

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: We will do it on Monday if you like. It does not make any difference. We can introduce it on Monday if you have not received. Most of you might have received them. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI K. MOHANAN (Kerala): No. You ask your office.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We can introduce and discuss it on Monday. Now, Shri Sharad Yadav.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : माननीय उपसभापति जी, यूनिवर्सिटी और डिग्री कालेजों के अध्यापकों की हड़ताल चल रही है... (**व्यवधान**)

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Madam, if the hon. Members have received the other Bills, I can introduce my Bill. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (*Andhra Pradesh*): What is your Bill? There is nothing listed.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: I will introduce my Bil, Madam.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Reported strike by Newspaper sorrespondents to press their demands

श्री शरद यादव (उत्तर प्रदेश) : महोदया, मैं आपको धन्यवाद देता हूं कि आपने मुझे इस एक महत्वपूर्ण मसले को सदन में उठाने की अनुमति दी।

महोदया, 21 अगस्त से हिन्दी दैनिक हिन्दुस्तान के पत्रकारों की हड़ताल चल रही है और इन पत्रकारों की जो मांग है वह कोई आर्थिक मांग नहीं है। महोदया, हिन्दुस्तान में जो पत्रकारिता है उसकी आजादी का जब सवाल उठता है तो अधिकांश अखबार पूंजीपतियों या बड़े घरानों के हाथ में हैं जिसके कारण सारे अखबारों में जो प्रमोशन की नीति है वह नीति किसी तरह से बनी नहीं है। दैनिक हिन्दुस्तान के जो पत्रकार हैं वे इसी मसले को लेकर 21 तारीख से हड़ताल पर हैं। इन अखबारों में जितने भी पत्रकारों के ऐपाइंटमेंट्स होते हैं, वह सब राजनीतिक तरीके से होते हैं। महोदया, मैं जिक्र करना चाहता हूं कि पिछले हरियाणा में जो चुनाव हुए तो वहां के जो एक पत्रकार हैं और उनकी यूनियन के अध्यक्ष हैं, आनन्द प्रकाश जी, उन्होंने बाकायदा वहां के प्रबंधकों को लिखकर दिया और